



COCONINO
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Inmate Sewing Program – Providing Blankets and Quilts to Community Members in Need

On a makeshift clothesline hung in the outdoor recreation area of the Coconino County Detention Facility, colorful patchwork quilts and blankets moved with the breeze. Detention staff and sewing crew inmates had hung them outside in preparation for the first summer Blanket Giveaway held July 25 for nonprofit organizations. Inside the program room, more blankets were displayed along with pot holders, pillows, and neck warmers.

The sewing program is a work program for female inmates. Theresa Arias has been the instructor since the program began eight years ago. The program's purpose initially was to repair inmate uniforms. It has since evolved to include making quilts and other items for nonprofit organizations that serve children, the elderly, and those in need. The sewing crew has held an annual Blanket Giveaway during the holiday season for several years. With the summer giveaway now established, the program now holds the event twice a year.

Sewing crew inmates do not get paid for their work; however, they are able to choose one of their blankets to keep. The blanket is placed in their property so they can take it with them when released from jail.

Several local organizations participated in the giveaway that included 175 full sized quilts and blankets, numerous baby blankets, pot holders, and neck warmers. The county Senior Nutrition program, Infinia, Hozhoni Foundation, Flagstaff Medical Center, Department of Economic Security, Sharon Manor, St. Vincent De Paul, and the PATH Program are just some of the organizations that attended and selected quilts to share with people in their programs. The sewing crew expressed how good it felt to make items that would help people in need. Recipients of the blankets were very grateful. Some placed special orders such as baby bibs and holiday stockings for their clients; others are looking forward to receiving special holiday crafts and blankets at the next giveaway planned for late fall.

Most of the fabric and supplies are obtained through community donations. There is always a need for more batting and thread. If you would like to donate to the program, contact Joan Graboski, Detention Services Program Coordinator at 928-226-5211 or email her at jgraboski@coconino.az.gov.

Pinewood Bike Rodeo – Teaching Kids to be Safe Bicyclists



On Saturday July 12, the Coconino County Sheriff's Office partnered with the community of Pinewood / Munds Park to offer a safety fair and bike rodeo. Thanks to everyone who participated and made the event a huge success, including: Safe Kids, Absolute Bikes, Pinewood Fire Department , Pinewood Fire Department Auxiliary, Coconino County Emergency Response Teams, and the parents and kids in Pinewood.

Portable Speed Bumps Remind Drivers to Slow Down

Across Coconino County, one common concern voiced at Neighborhood Watch meetings is that too many drivers are going too fast. The Sheriff's Office takes these concerns seriously and has implemented innovative ways to increase traffic safety.

One of the new ways we are encouraging drivers to slow down is by deploying portable speed bumps. The speed bumps were first used in the Pinewood / Munds Park community during this past summer and were a huge success. Officers spoke with many drivers about their driving habits. The ultimate goal of this and other types of traffic enforcement details are to provide incentive for drivers to voluntarily comply with traffic regulations and change their driving behavior. The portable speed bumps can be moved easily to other communities in the county to help with traffic education and enforcement efforts.

Other programs that we have used include monitoring traffic with radar. Our Volunteers in Policing also help us survey traffic and speed issues. Working with the Community Deputies, letters are sent to traffic violators to remind them of the need for safety and the possible consequence for not following the traffic laws.



Deputy John Jamison monitors traffic as he introduces portable speed bumps in the Munds Park / Pinewood Community.

The Coconino County Sheriff's Office also submitted a grant to the US Department of Justice for an Integrated Community Policing project. If awarded, the grant would provide funding for our Volunteers in Policing (VIP), Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) and Neighborhood Watch (NW) teams programs. If awarded, the grant would allow us to purchase radar message boards which would be used in conjunction with a public safety education program. These traffic programs are just some of the ways that we are working to reach out to the public and to enhance the quality of life and safety of people in our communities.

Building Community Partnerships and Preparedness through CERT



The Coconino County / Northern Arizona Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster

preparedness and trains them in basic disaster response skills such as team organization, fire safety, light search and rescue, and disaster first aid operations.

During the last two months over fifty people completed the Basic Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training.

Alumni of the Basic CERT training are invited to keep their skills tuned during monthly in-service trainings. In July, the alumni received training on the role of dispatchers and the 911 center during regular and emergency public safety events. As part of the communications training, they also received training on the use of portable radios. Staff from the Coconino County Health Department also was on hand to discuss pandemic flu and ways that the CERT program may be able to assist the health department during an emergency.

***For More Information on CERT:
928-226-5089***



FBI Recognizes Sheriff's Office for Work on Hanamure Case

In May 2006, the Coconino County Sheriff's Office and Federal Officials worked together to investigate the disappearance of Tomomi Hanamure, a Japanese tourist, who had gone for a hike at Havasupai Falls. According to a December 2006 media release, "Hanamure, 34, was reported missing on May 9, 2006, a day after she checked into a lodge on the Havasupai Indian Reservation and left for a hike to the Havasupai Falls. The Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Coconino County Sheriff's Office initiated a search and rescue operation. Her body was located on May 13 in a secluded section of the river. An autopsy revealed that Hanamure died as a result of approximately 29 stab wounds."

In December 2006, Randy Wescogame was indicted for kidnapping, robbery, and murder of Ms. Hanamure. He received a life sentence for the charges.

The December 2006 media release expressed the tragedy of the event and the important role of interagency cooperation in solving the crime. "The murder of Tomomi Hanamure was a tragic event that affected many people in two countries," stated Coconino County Sheriff Bill Pribil. "The arrest of Randy Wescogame is the result of the dedication, hard work and combined efforts of investigators from numerous local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies."



Detective Larry Thomas

from the suspect and Ross provided vital evidentiary support.

Recently, Victim / Witness Services of Coconino County also recognized Detective Larry Thomas for being an advocate to victims of crime. Detective Thomas is in charge of our Domestic Violence Unit. To learn more about Victim / Witness, visit their website at <http://www.victimwitnessflagstaff.org/home.htm>

In July 2008, the Federal Bureau of Investigations recognized Larry Thomas, lead investigator on the case for the Coconino County Sheriff's Office and Tom Ross, Crime Scene Investigator for the Coconino County Sheriff's Office. Detective Thomas was instrumental in obtaining a confession



Investigator Tom Ross

OUI Task Force at Lake Powell

On July 29th, Sheriff's Deputies in Page conducted an OUI checkpoint at the Wahweap gas dock. They contacted 65 vessels with 265 people. Twenty-three citations were issued for boat related violations. Four other agencies participated in the check point. The Sheriff's Office is committed to making Lake Powell a safe place for recreation.



Law Enforcement Professionals Blood Drive

Thank you to everyone who participated in the July 2008 PUBLIC SAFETY PROFESSIONAL'S BLOOD DRIVE. United Blood services expressed deep appreciation for your time and dedication to the effort:

Aaron Kimmel
Margot Julian
Wendy Matthai
Lenora Thomason
Nan Shoaff
Alison Matson
Russell Marsitto
Barbara Keeth
Paul Overman
Donald Delango
Natalie McChesney
Angela Rodriguez
Amanda McDonald
Katie Brandis

Michelle Lurvey
Loren Albright
Paula Cozad
Jennifer Brown
Mary White
Patricia Farrell
Sarah Schol
Megan Woods
Brandie White
Donna Womble
Erika Wiltenmuth
Lisa Talayumptewa
Tim Cornelius
Lynnora Mahle-Talayumptewa

Jennifer Barley
Michael Terrin
Gerry Blair
Steven Briggs
Adam Hicks
Stewart Deats
Carolanne Merrill
Elorie Knilans
Lori Weeks
Joel Winchester
Beverly McChesney
Nancy Erickson
Tiffany Hooper



The goal for each day was 10 units. On the first day, they took in 20 units and the second 21, which was just about as much as their staffing could handle. If you are interested in donating throughout the year, you may find information on United Blood Services at www.unitedbloodservices.org.

Thanks to your efforts we contributed 41 units of blood to the bank, a good portion of which will go to the Flagstaff Medical Center and Community. The goal for this two day drive was 20 units and the expectation was half that. **GREAT JOB!!!**

Due largely to the location of our facility and it's accessibility to both Public Safety Professionals and the general public, United Blood Services proclaimed this drive a "solid success, surpassing their defined goal twice the expectation."



Promotions and Transfers – Celebrating the Successes of Employees

The Sheriff's Office is committed to staff development and training. It's very exciting for our agency when employees dedicate themselves to career advancement and the opportunities provided.

July was a busy month for promotions! In order to promote to the next level in the Sheriff's Office, candidates go through a testing process and oral boards with higher ranking officers, a representative from Human Resources, and other management personnel. We are very pleased to be a part of their long term career and support them in their new positions!

Congratulations to Eryn Hover who promoted to the position of Detention Officer I. Eryn was previously a Detention Support Specialist. As a new Detention Officer I, Eryn will have regular contact with the inmates and work with other detention officers in maintaining the safety and physical security of the Jail Facility. To prepare for these duties, all Detention Officers must successfully complete an Arizona Detention Association certified Detention Officers Academy. The Coconino County Sheriff's Office and the Coconino Community College (CCC) have partnered to offer an accredited academy. Cadets obtain 13 credit hours and attend six weeks of intense training that combines academic, tactical, physical fitness, and team building.

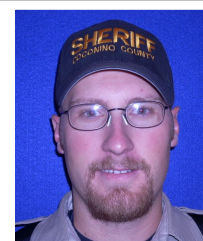
Congratulations to Cameron Doty, Justin Sandoval, John Thuch, and Anthony Clitso who were promoted from Detention Officer I to Detention Officer II. As Detention Officer II's, these individuals have shown the ability to take on another level of responsibility in terms of the safety and security of the facility and inmates. Detention Officer II's may also transport inmates outside of the facility to court, the hospital, or other facilities. In this role, they also carry firearms under certain conditions and go through regular firearms training and qualifications.

Congratulations to Brittany Franks and Nickie Meyer who transferred from Detention Officer II's to Deputy Sheriff's. In addition to responding to reported crimes, Patrol Deputies provide many other daily community safety services including: patrols of neighborhoods, patrols of forest roads, property checks, business checks, motorists/public assists, welfare checks, civil standby's and civil paper service, traffic enforcement, DUI enforcement, accident reports, assist with fire and medical calls, initial response to search and rescue incidents, and public education.

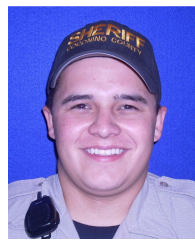
Congratulations to Valerie Reisinger. Valerie transferred from Detention Support Specialist to Extradition/Warrant Clerk. The Warrants Section is responsible for maintaining entering and clearing all warrants issued by Flagstaff City Court, Fredonia Justice Court, Flagstaff Justice Court, Williams Justice Court, Page Justice Court, and Coconino County Superior Court. The Warrants section also coordinates felony extraditions.



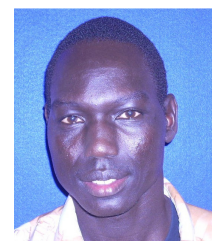
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Service to Community

We are committed to providing responsive and effective Service to the Community. We earn and maintain the public's trust and confidence through our integrity and professionalism. Toward these goals, we devote our personnel, resources and energy.

Recognizing Achievement – Lisa Hirsch



National Commission on
Correctional Health Care

PROMOTING
EXCELLENCE
IN HEALTH CARE

On July 29, 2008 Lisa Hirsch, our Detention Nursing Supervisor attained the status of Certified Correctional Health Professional (CCHP). Certification distinguishes Lisa as someone with outstanding knowledge, experience and accomplishment in the field of correctional health care. In order to become certified, candidates must first submit an extensive application and then pass a comprehensive exam covering administrative and legal aspects of health care in prisons, jails, and juvenile detention and confinement centers.

The CCHP program is the only national program to recognize professionalism in the field of correctional health care. Lisa Hirsch joins an elite group of over 2,000 correctional health professionals nationwide who currently hold this honor.

Congratulations Lisa!



Remembering and honoring our public safety partners at Guardian Air and Classic Air and those who lost their lives in the tragic mid air collision on June 29, 2008. A memorial service was held at Ft. Tuthill on July 8, 2008.